Complaint against the auction sale of the Opium and Ganja shop at Quilon for 1100 M. E.

35. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Was the opium and ganja shop at Quilon bid for Rs. 3,800 for the year 1100?

(*b*) Did Mr. J. Joseph petition the Government that the shop might be re-auctioned and that he was prepared to bid for Rs. 4,200?

(*c*) Did the Government order that the said shop should be re-auctioned?

(*d*) Did the Excise Commissioner recommend to the Government that the contract should not be given to Mr. Joseph who was willing to take it for Rs. 4,200, and that it should be confirmed in the name of the original bidder?

(*e*) Did the Government sanction that recommendation, and, if so, why?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In a petition submitted by Mr. Joseph, he offered Rs. 4,200 for the shop.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) and (*e*) Having considered a report from the Ag. Excise Commissioner Mr. Govinda Pillai, Government decided that no re-auction was necessary and sanctioned the original sale.

Arrack Shop at Quilon.

36. **MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI** (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): (*a*) Has the arrack shop at Quilon been given to the person who has taken up the local opium and ganja shop?

(*b*) Was the said arrack shop auctioned for 1100 for a lower amount than for 1099?

(*c*) If so, what is the difference and why?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The difference is Rs. 810 and is due to the fall in the consumption of arrack in the shop in 1098-99.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ചാരായം വിറ്റതിൽ കുറവുണ്ടോ?

MR. N. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Secretary to Government on other duty*): The figures are not available as the Excise Commissioner confirms such auctions.

MR. T. KUMARA PILLAI (*Kalkulam* cum *Vilavankod*): ഇങ്ങനെ ഒരു മറുപടി പറയുന്നതിനു ഉപയോഗപ്പെടുത്തിയ നിക്കാർഡുകൾ ഏതാണെ

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